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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Examiner's Action, dated August 1, 2000, be extended for three months to February 1, 2001.

A response to the Examiner's Action, dated August 1, 2000, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the three month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. (S 1.17(a)(3)) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response

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